

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 10 as follows:

Furthermore, in an embodiment of the content providing server of the present invention, the above-mentioned channel list identifier is characterized by being a channel list URL (Uniform Resource ~~Locators~~ Locator), and the above-mentioned storage section is characterized by being configured to store the above-mentioned channel list URL as attribute information corresponding to the above-mentioned tuner-received content, and the above-mentioned content distribution control section is characterized by being configured to execute distribution control over the content on the plurality of channels received by the above-mentioned tuner specified on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL according to the control request from the client.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 21 as follows:

Furthermore, in an embodiment of the content providing server of the present invention, the above-mentioned channel list identifier is characterized by being a channel list URL (Uniform Resource ~~Locators~~ Locator), and a connection for distribution of the tuner-received content between the server and the client is characterized by being an HTTP (HyperText Transport Protocol) connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL, wherein the above-mentioned content distribution control section is characterized by being configured to execute content distribution which continuously uses the HTTP connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL, before and after channel switching executed as switching of the

plurality of tuner-received content corresponding to the plurality of channels described in the above-mentioned channel list.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 17 as follows:

Furthermore, in an embodiment of the content providing server of the present invention, the above-mentioned content distribution control section is characterized by being configured to receive a control request for content for distribution which is compliant with a SOAP (Simple Object Access ~~Control~~ Protocol) ~~protocol~~, from the client, and execute distribution control over the tuner-received content on the basis of the above-mentioned control request.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 11 as follows:

Furthermore, in an embodiment of the content providing server of the present invention, the above-mentioned channel list identifier is characterized by being a channel URL (Uniform Resource ~~Locators~~ Locator), and a connection for distribution of the tuner-received content between the server and the client is characterized by being an HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL, wherein the above-mentioned content distribution control section is characterized by being configured to determine whether or not matching of coded data for transmission to the client can be maintained even when the plurality of channels described in the above-mentioned channel list has been switched, and execute breakage of the HTTP connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL where it is determined that the matching cannot be maintained, and wherein the above-mentioned content providing server is characterized by being configured to further execute a process of notifying breakage information about the

HTTP connection set on the basis of the channel list URL, via an event notification connection between the server and the client.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 31 as follows:

Furthermore, in an embodiment of the content providing server of the present invention, the above-mentioned channel list identifier is characterized by being a channel list URL (Uniform Resource ~~Locaters~~ Locator), and a connection for distribution of the tuner-received content between the server and the client is characterized by being an HTTP (HyperText Transport Protocol) connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL, wherein the above-mentioned content distribution control section is characterized by being configured to execute switching of a plurality of channels described in the above-mentioned channel list by tuner control at a timing when matching of coded data for transmission to the client can be maintained.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 7 as follows:

Furthermore, in an embodiment of the information processing apparatus of the present invention, the above-mentioned channel list identifier is characterized by being a channel list URL (Uniform Resource ~~Locaters~~ Locator), and a connection for distribution of tuner-received content between the server and the client is characterized by being an HTTP (HyperText Transport Protocol) connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL, wherein the above-mentioned control section is characterized by being configured to execute content reception before and after switching of the plurality of channels described in the above-mentioned channel list by continuously using the HTTP connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 3 as follows:

Furthermore, in an embodiment of the content transmission control method of the present invention, a channel list identifier is characterized by being a channel list URL (Uniform Resource ~~Locaters~~ Locator), wherein the above-mentioned control instance setting step is characterized by including a step of associating the above-mentioned channel list URL with the control instance.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 10 as follows:

Furthermore, in an embodiment of the content transmission control method of the present invention, the above-mentioned channel list identifier is characterized by being a channel list URL (Uniform Resource ~~Locaters~~ Locator), and a connection for distribution of tuner-received content between the server and the client is characterized by being an HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL, wherein the above-mentioned control step is characterized by executing content distribution which continuously uses the HTTP connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL, before and after channel switching executed as switching of the plurality of tuner-received content corresponding to the plurality of channels described in the above-mentioned channel list.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 14 as follows:

Furthermore, in an embodiment of the content transmission control method of the present invention, the above-mentioned control request reception step is characterized as being a step of receiving a control request for content for distribution compliant with a SOAP (Simple Object Access ~~Control~~ Protocol) ~~protect~~, from the client.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 1 as follows:

Furthermore, in an embodiment of the content transmission control method of the present invention, a channel list identifier is characterized by being a channel list URL (Uniform Resource ~~Locators~~ Locator), and a connection for distribution for tuner-received content is characterized by being an HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL, wherein the above-mentioned content transmission control method is characterized by further including:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 19 as follows:

Furthermore, in an embodiment of the content transmission control method of the present invention, a channel list identifier is characterized by being a channel list URL (Uniform Resource ~~Locators~~ Locator), and a connection for distribution of the tuner-received content is characterized by being an HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL, wherein the above-mentioned control step is characterized by further including a step of executing switching of the plurality of channels described in the above-mentioned channel list by tuner control at a timing when matching of coded data for transmission to the client can be maintained.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 26 as follows:

Furthermore, in an embodiment of the information processing method of the present invention, the above-mentioned channel list identifier is characterized by being a channel list URL (Uniform Resource ~~Locators~~ Locator), and a connection for distribution of tuner-received content is characterized by being an HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL, wherein the above-mentioned information processing method is characterized by executing content reception before and after channel switching executed as switching of a plurality of channels described in the above-mentioned channel list, continuously using the HTTP connection set on the basis of the above-mentioned channel list URL.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 26, line 26 as follows:

A genre 308 is set below the moving picture container 303, and a video capsule 309 as an item corresponding to content is set below that. For example, the video capsule 309 corresponds to video content stored in the storage section such as the hard disk within the server, and has attribute information (metadata) corresponding to that video content. The metadata contains a content identifier for acquiring the content, i.e., a URL (Uniform Resource ~~Locators~~ Locator) of the content as address information indicative of the location of the content. The client acquires the URL of the video capsule 309, i.e., a video capsule URL through a content information acquisition procedure, and transmits a content request wherein the video capsule URL is designated, to the server, whereby the video content corresponding to the video capsule can be received from the server for reproduction.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 34, line 26 as follows:

As a result of the AVT instance 433 assignment process by the connection manager service 431 and the URL setting process by the client 460, the content-corresponding URL has been set, and when the AVT instance 433 now in charge of distribution control over content identified by the URL receives a control command from the client 460, it executes content control according to the control command. In this content distribution control process between the client 460 and the server, e.g., a SOAP (Simple Object Access Control Protocol) ~~protocol~~ is used. The client 460 generates description data compliant with XML data for transmission to the AVT instances 433, whereby control information from the client 460 is notified to the respective AVT instance 433, and then the AVT instance 433 executes control which is based on the received information, e.g., processing such as content reproduction start/end, channel switching.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 47, line 12 as follows:

Next, the client 460 can execute requesting of various content control to the AVT instance, in step S108 and forward. In step S108, a reproduction (Play) request is issued to the AVT instance. This control request uses, e.g., the SOAP (Simple Object Access Control Protocol) ~~protocol~~. On the basis of SOAP, the client 460 generates description data compliant with XML data, for transmission to the AVT instance 433.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 48, line 22 as follows:

In step S202, the client 460 issues a channel switching (Seek) request to the AVT instance. In this control, e.g., the SOAP (Simple Object Access Control) protocol is used, as mentioned above. The client 460 generates description data compliant with XML data, for transmission to the AVT instance 433. This request contains an AVT

instance ID and a channel number for switching. When the AVT instance 433 receives the channel setting (Seek) request, the AVT instance 433 controls the tuner 410 to perform switching to the channel on the tuner, to transmit received data to the client 460.